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### Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 4, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

### Wise Road gate construction delayed

Construction at the Wise Road Gate has been delayed. The new start date will be posted when the schedule is revised.

### **APG Police seek** comments

The APG community is invited to offer comments to the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., or CALEA, 7 p.m., May 3 in the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security conference room, located in building 3752, Aberdeen Boulevard (Police Academy). This is part of an on-site assessment of the APG Police in its pursuit of accreditation verifying it meets professional standards.

For more information, see Public Notice on page

### **RAB** meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will monthly hold its Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., April 28, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the J-Field and Canal Creek Study Areas.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are

For more information. call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

### **Limited legal** services today

Due to Law Day activities today, legal assistants will not be available to accept walk-ins at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

For more information, call 410-278-1584.

### **CAC** initial issuance, renewal

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## APG selects 2005 NCO, Soldier of the Year

Story by **Yvonne Johnson** Photos by Sean Kief APG News

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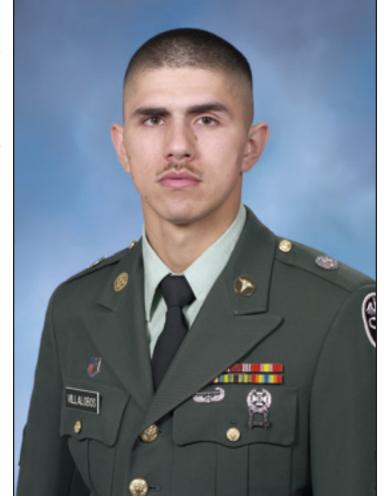
After a rigorous selection board conducted by some of the installation's top noncommissioned officers, Sgt. Raul Villalobos of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and Pfc. Victor Robledo of Company A, 22nd Chemical Battalion were named Aberdeen Proving Ground's NCO and Soldier of the Year respectively, April 21.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby served as president of the eight-member board, all of whom appeared in Class A uniform along with the candidates.

While Robledo was the sole candidate for Soldier of the Year, Villalobos was challenged by Sgt. 1st Class James Thomas of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion.

Irby said that all candidates performed well and that Robledo was not a "sure thing" even though he was unopposed.

"My hat's off to him for See NCOs, page 12



Sgt. Raul Villalobos APG NCO of the Year

Pfc. Victor Robledo APG Soldier of the Year

## **20th Support Command** (CBRNE) welcomes first CSM

20th Support Command (CBRNE)

The newly formed U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) held a ceremony to welcome its first command sergeant major in a ceremony held at the Edgewood Conference Center April 15.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin W. Womack Sr. came to Aberdeen Proving Ground from the 801st Brigade Support Battalion in Fort Campbell, Ky., where he organizations with an enorserved as that organization's mous installation challenge ensure Soldiers in our comcommand sergeant major.

Brig. Gen. Walter L. Davis, commander of the 20th Support Command, welcomed Womack and recognized him as a Soldier who brings a wealth of operational training experience and needed experience as a leader of Soldiers for a new organization.

"It is clear that he is not afraid of a tough job or change, and I believe his experience as first sergeant, sergeant major and battalion command sergeant major provide the foundation of excellence within our command." Davis said.

When Davis interviewed him, he stated he had found three things he considered important in a command sergeant major.

"First, he is unafraid of

as command sergeant major of transforming maintenance support battalions almost as big as our entire command, one of which is just returning from combat," Davis said. "It's a very large and complex transformation for our headquarters and the growth that we'll experience shouldn't be much of a challenge to him after all he has done.

"Second, he is unafraid of like the organization we have here now and the organizations we are getting ready to start in the near future throughout CONUS," Davis

"Third, he said 'I'm your guy; I'm the command sergeant major your organization needs.'

"That was enough for me." Davis said.

"It's like a dream come true" Womack said, as he addressed the ceremony attendees and talked about his new position. "I am honored, humbled and unable to hide my feeling of pride as I assume the duties and responsibilities as your command sergeant major."

Womack entered the U.S. Army in 1975 completing Advanced and

change and had already served Individual Training at Fort Knox, Ky., as a track vehicle mechanic. He served in a variety of units and locations in his career to include two tours as a drill sergeant, two tours in Korea, Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

> "Taking care of Soldiers and their families is my top priority," Womack said. "I will provide outstanding leadership, set the example, lead from the front, and always mand are trained and ready to fight. This command must always be ready to deploy at a moment's notice."

> Womack holds a bachelor's degree in electronics engineering and technology from Cleveland Institution of Electronics, Cleveland, Ohio.

> Activated last October at APG, the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) is a FORSCOM major subordinate command and brings together command and control of the Army's most specialized weapons of mass destruction operational assets. The new organization provides a single point of contact within the Army for the Department of Defense to call when a coordinated response to the threat or use of WMD is needed anywhere in the world.

## **APG** uses Explosive **Destruction System for** missions for first time

George Mercer

Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center hazardous materials specialists began destroying seven pressurized cylinders of hydrogen cyanide, a hazardous industrial chemical, here on Tuesday morning.

This is the first time the Army's Explosive Destruction System is being used for the destruction of laboratory chemicals at Aberdeen Proving Ground, although it was tested here extensively on chemical munitions and containers. The EDS has been used at other locations nationwide to destroy chemical warfare materiel.

On April 16, a similar cylinder was discovered to have burst in an ECBC chemical laboratory flammable materials storage cabinet. In response to the event, emergency plans were implemented and appropriate federal, state and local agencies were notified. No personnel were in the building at the time and no hazardous material was detected inside or outside the facility following the event.

Although the event is still under investigation, preliminary evidence suggests that a chemical reaction occurred in the cylinder, causing the pressurized container to burst. Equipment in the room was damaged, as was a wall of the facility. Further investigation of the laboratory and other locations at the proving ground discovered the seven hydrogen cyanide cylinders which have been deemed unsafe for further storage or transportation elsewhere.

Researchers at APG use cyanide compounds and other hazardous chemicals during laboratory chemical defense

The EDS was developed by the U.S. Army Chemical Material Agency's Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel to give the Army a transportable system able to safely neutralize recovered chemical munitions, including those containing hydrogen cyanide. This is the first time the EDS, which was designed for explosively configured items, has been used to dispose of commercial

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## TRADOC CSM probes education with NCOs

Story and photo by

Khaalid Walls

Having a professional dialogue with senior enlisted Soldiers to determine how to consistently improve the noncommissioned officers' education system, or NCOES, was one of many agenda items for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's new command sergeant major's April 21 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Sparks, who has been TRADOC's top enlisted Soldier for just six weeks, led a lunchtime discussion with senior NCOs from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Mechanical Maintenance schools, where he conversed with instructors about training. He also gathered ideas and suggestions on ways to improve advanced individual training from the instructors and drill sergeants' perspec-

Sparks, who was once a drill sergeant, relayed a story about a Soldier who, when asked his military occupational specialty responded, "I'm just a mechanic."

He said he wants to eradicate that mentality, and he plans to make every Soldier know their full value in theater, be it combat service support or infantry.

"It's not going to matter where you sit on the battlefield. You're going to be trained just the same," he said of new recruits learning the fundamental "Soldier skills" taught in basic training.

As TRADOC's top enlisted Soldier, one of Sparks' priorities is to make "NCOES relevant to lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan."

"The plan is to invigorate initiatives training NCOES," he said of his efforts to be consistent with the goals outlined by Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, TRADOC's commanding general.

Sparks shifted gears during the discussion asking the group what would keep them from reenlisting.

The overwhelming response was the strain on families during long deployments and frequent moves.

how family members constantly urge him to end his military career because they worry about his safety.

Another Soldier talked about how he had moved several times over his 10-year

One Soldier talked about career and the effects it had on his family.

> After lunch, Sparks toured the Joint Personnel Effects Depot, which is a collection, processing, and redistribution point for the personal items of

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Sgt. Carlos Sotos, left, logs items as Staff Sgt. Freddie Acevedo, the Joint Personnel Effects Depot processing non-commissioned officer in charge, explains to Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Sparks, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, during his April 21 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground, that items are photographed as part of several steps in JPED's collection and distribution process.

# Veterans' voices

## Veterans Commission holds second Commander's Call

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson APG News

Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs held its second annual Commanders Call in March to inform Veterans' Service Organizations of plans and projects involving the veteran community for 2005. This is part one of the Commander's Call report. Part two will appear in next week's APG News.

Led by Joe Brooks, commission chairman, the gathering included remarks from Harkins Harford County Executive; George

Owings, secretary, Maryland Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, Maryland adjutant general; and Ed Kreiner, president and chairman, Maryland Retired Veterans Task Force.

Attendees included 23 representatives from Harford County organizations.

Harkins thanked the veterans for their "dedicated service" and assured them of his continued support for the Veterans' Commission.

"I trust that your meeting today serves as another step forward in your efforts regarding veterans taking care of veterans," Harkins said.

provided Tuxill Department of Veteran Affairs; overview of the changing role of the Maryland Army National Guard since the start of the War on Terror, briefed on the function of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, which he also is responsible for, and the Maryland Defense Force.

> He said MDARNG members were on site at the Pentagon the day after 9-11; have controlled the no-fly zone in Iraq since the start of the War on Terror; has provided airport security Baltimore-Washington International Airport; has served in security forces on

an active duty installation; and granite base wall along the are still serving in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Cuba and Jordan.

"Forty eight percent of the Soldiers on the ground in Iraq are National Guard troops," Tuxill said. "That's unheard of. The National Guard is the only force with dual, federal and state responsibilities, and the Maryland Army and Air National Guard performs theirs well."

### **Proposed veterans** memorial

Brooks announced a plan ownership." by Harford County Public Schools for a proposed veter-

entrance to the new Harford County Board of Education Administration building currently under construction on Hickory Street in Bel Air.

He said that the commission's assistance was requested in naming the memorial.

"We proposed that school historians involve students incoming up with appropriate wording," Brooks said. "If they have a contest and get students and parents involved, it will give them a sense of

A scheduled date of completion and dedication ceremoans memorial to be placed in a ny will be announced at a later more.

"This will be a testament to the service of all veterans in Harford County," Brooks said. **Veterans Commission** Web site

Veterans can now learn more about the veteran community on the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs new Web site, www.hcvac.org.

The site includes forms that can be downloaded, information on commission activities, special services and support groups, Veterans Speakers Bureau request forms and

## **Pentagon**

### **Channel 21 features Pentagon channel programming**

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21 as of April 26. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

### Monday

Studio Five, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. American Veteran, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30

Army Newswatch, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Your Corps, 10:30 a.m. Studio Five, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 7 p.m. Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime

### Time, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Studio Five, 9 a.m., 3 and 9 p.m. The American Veteran, 1 p.m. Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m., 4 p.m. Your Corps, 5 p.m.

### Thursday

Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m., noon, 5:30 p.m. and 8 pm Studio Five, 7 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News, 11 a.m. and 3

**Friday** Around the Services, 5:30 and 8 a.m.,

Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

noon, 5:30 and 8 p.m. Studio Five, 7 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Army Newswatch, 3 p.m.

### Your Corps, 4 p.m. Saturday

Around the Services, 5:30 a.m. Battleground, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Studio 5, 8 a.m. Your Corps, 1:30 p.m. Opportunity Showcase, 3 p.m.

Army Newswatch, 5:30 p.m.

American Veteran, 6:30 p.m.

Studio Five, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Army Newswatch, 5:30 a.m., noon and

Battleground, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Freedom Journal Iraq/Air Force Prime Time, 10:30 a.m.

Your Corps, 11 a.m. Navy/Marine Corps News, 3 p.m.

Army Newswatch - Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army

Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world

Studio Five – A conversation with the military: Weekly interviews of Defense Department about today's top issues

Your Corps - Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps

Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq

Air Force Prime Time - A weekly topical news program covering Air Force events and people for all of Europe, Southwest Asia and Africa. Produced by the Air Force Broadcasting Service, Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the United States Air Force

The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service

Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from WWII, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. A Pentagon **Channel Original Series** 

## State legislators reject retiree exemption bills

Yvonne Johnson APG News

The Maryland Retired Veterans Task Force reported April 15 that the state legislature has rejected House Bill 245 and Senate Bill 211, which sought to exempt 100 percent of military retirement income from state taxes for qualified veterans who served at least 20 years on active duty.

Ed Kreiner, president and chairman of the MRVTF, said that although the bills did well at first and had the support of more than 100 delegates, it began a downward spiral when in March the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Delegates stripped all retired officers of their eligibility for the tax benefit. In addition the 100 percent exemption to be phased in over five years was reduced to 50 percent, Kreiner said.

"It was politics at its worst," Kreiner said. "The House Ways and Means Committee emasculated the entire bill to the point where those who supported it as co-sponsors voted against it in its

"This was something that was good for the state, good for business and good for veterans," Kreiner said. "Maryland loses more retiree dollars every year to states that don't tax retirement income. This was long overdue and as far as I'm concerned the legislators failed to serve."

Kreiner said that he has received assurances from Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., president of the Senate, and Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House, that the bills will be reintroduced in their original forms next year as House Bill #1 and Senate Bill #1.

They should pass through quite rapidly to the governor for his signature," Kreiner said, noting that the bills had Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich's "full support from the start." "We expect they will pass as originally drafted.'

"It's just tragic that we've lost a whole year," he said. "It's like being slapped in the face."

### One million military view Pentagon Channel

The Pentagon Channel, the Defense Department's news and information television service, now provides programming to more than one million men and women in uniform serving on military bases stateside.

The record growth, achieved as the Pentagon Channel approaches its first anniversary of service, has been accomplished, in part, by providing satellite receiving equipment to 165 military installations throughout the United States to allow the Pentagon Channel to be viewed on the base cable networks. Additional audience growth has been achieved through on-base distribution by commercial cable and satellite providers.

"The Pentagon Channel is an excellent communications tool to speak directly to U.S. forces and their families," said Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

The Pentagon Channel broadcasts military news and information for and about 2.6 million members of the U. S. armed forces [including] active duty, National Guard and Reserve. Programming includes DoD news briefings, original documentaries, newscasts and interviews with top Defense leaders. Additional distribution – to military bases, Reserve centers

and National Guard armories - continues, toward the goal of making Pentagon Channel programming available to everyone in the U.S. armed forces.

"This is an exciting time for the Pentagon Channel, as we approach our one-year anniversary in May," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. "We are expanding our programming and our distribution and we are always looking at proactive ways to communicate with our military audi-

The Pentagon Channel officially launched May 14, 2004, with a live broadcast from the Armed Forces Day opening ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Distributed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Pentagon Channel helps ensure that U. S. forces remain the best informed in the world.

The television service is also made available to U. S. cable and satellite providers and military audiences overseas in 177 countries via the American Forces Radio and Television Service and to a global audience via Web cast at http://www.pentagonchannel.mil.

The Web version is located at http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/2005/nr20050

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## Spring blooms on APG

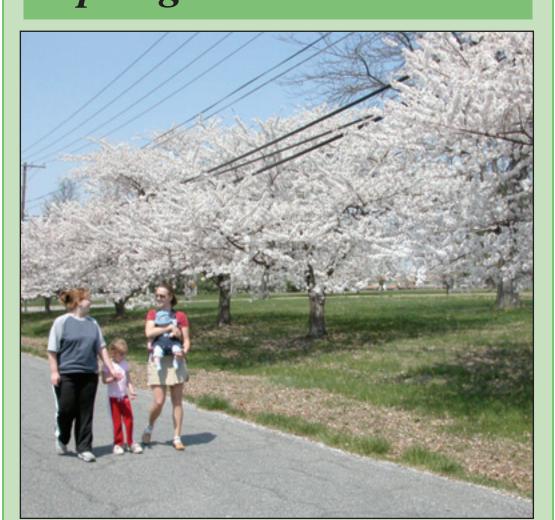


Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

From left, Stacey Hummel and her daughter, Lauren, and Esther Reinholt with her 4month old son, William, enjoy a sunny stroll and flowering trees along Harford Boulevard April 18.

### **POST SHORTS**

### procedures

The Common Access Card, or CAC, renewals and PIN resets must be completed by appointment only, within a 30-day period prior to the expiration date.

Individuals need to contact the Badge/ID Office, Physical Security Support Division, Directorate of Law Enforcement at 410-306-2381, building 4305 or 410-436-3360, building E-4420 either for initial issuance or renewal.

Additionally, new employees (contractor, civilian or military) need to bring proof of Social Security number with them, such as SS card, Form 50 action, medical card, government driver's license, military ID, a pay stub or a W2.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 pm to 4 p.m.; non-RDO Friday's 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The offices are closed RDO Friday's (Friday's following government payday).

### KUSAHC holds daytime Tobacco Cessation Classes

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic is offering daytime tobacco cessation classes for four consecutive Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning in May. 4. Pre-registration is required.

All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.
For more information and

to register for class, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

### PWOC celebrates National Day of Prayer

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are celebrating the National Day of Prayer at the APG Post Chapel, 9 to 11:30 a.m., May 5.

PWOC is a group of women from different denominations, Post Chapel and local churches, that meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. every Thursday to have fun and fellowship together.

Child care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

For more information, call Amy Shipley, 410-272-2804.

### Days of Remembrance set for May 5

The annual Days of Remembrance observance will be held May 5, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Post Theater.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has designated "From Liberation to the Pursuit of Justice" as the theme for the 2005 Days of Remembrance observance in memory of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and the subsequent prosecution under international law of major Nazi war criminals at

Nuremberg, Germany.

The guest speaker will be Bluma Shapiro, a holocaust survivor.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Serino, 410-2781534.

### Office Eagle holds customer appreciation days

The Office Eagle Base Supply Centers will hold customer appreciation days 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 19 in building 320 and May 20, 3007 Bush River Road.

Free food, product presentations and an opportunity for the staff to thank its patrons are part of the activities.

For more information, e-mail ralonso@bism.org.

## Concert tickets for early birds

Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Aberdeen Proving Ground present The 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, with special guests Chely Wright, Julie Roberts and Miranda Lambert Aug. 20 on Shine Sports Field.

Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

A \$10 early bird ticket special for APG government ID cards holders only will be held April 29. These tickets are

only available at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-278-4907/4011. Purchasers must present ID at time of purchase.

The \$10 tickets will go on sale to the public April 30, first come, first served.

There are only a limited number of tickets available at this special price.

Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com, MWR
Registration, Hoyle Fitness
Center and Ticketmaster.

For more information, visit **www.apgmwr.com.** 

## Volunteer of the Year nominations due

Volunteer of the Year nominations for volunteer service Jan. 1 through Dec.31, 2004 are due by May 6 to Army Community Service Volunteer Office, building 2754, room 206.

Categories are military (active duty, reserve, national guard), civilian employee, youth (18 years of age or younger), family member (19 years of age or older), and retiree (civilian or military). Each organization/unit may submit two nominations in each category.

For more information, contact Sarah Staats, 410-278-2464 or e-mail sarah.staats @apg.army.mil.

### **Level 2 AFTB train-**

### ing offered

Evening Level 2 Army Family Team Building Training will be conducted 6 to 9 p.m., every Wednesday, May 4 through June 1 at the Army Community Service Training Room, building

AFTB offers volunteertaught classes to civilians, family members, and Soldiers about the military life and community resources.

For more information, call Sarah Staats, AFTB program manager, ACS, 410-278-2464 or e-mail Sarah.Staats@apg.army.mil.

## Community Motes

### **THURSDAY APRIL 28 FREE HOME SELLING SEMINAR**

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union is offering A Home Selling Seminar 6 to 8 p.m. at the APGFCU Operations Center in Edgewood, 1321 Pulaski Highway.

Guest speakers Cathy Werner of RE/MAX American Dream and Robert Brendel of Stonegate Title will cover topics such as market analysis, costs of selling, for sale by owner, negotiating and home inspections.

To reserve a space, call 410-

272-4000 or 1-800-225-2555, ext. 5451. Open to the public.

### **BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Cecil County ladies Auxiliary to the Fireman's Association will be held 7 p.m. at the North East Fire Hall, North East. Doors open 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person for all paper cards. Food, baked goods, door prizes, raffles and beverages will be available. No smoking is permitted.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Linda Slicer, 410-287-9672 or Nora Ryan, 410-642-6440.

### **MONDAY** MAY 2 **TOASTMASTERS CLUB MEETING**

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold its regular meeting 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p. m. at the Gun-powder Club located in the Edgewood area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The meeting is open to anyone on or off base who wants to improve their leadership and communication skills, and overcome the fear of speaking in public.

For more information, call 410-734-6573 or 410-322-7748.

### WEDNESDAY MAY 4 **DAV CHAPTER MEETING**

Bel Air Chapter 30 of the DAV will meet at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 39, 500 Conowingo Road, Bel Air. For more information, call George Mitchell, 410-879-0861.

### **FRIDAY** MAY 6 REGISTRATION FOR MAY 7 PRE-K/K

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold its annual pre-kindergarten/kindergarten registration for the 2005 to 2006 school year, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents are reminded that Roye-Williams has a full-day kindergarten. Kindergarten registration packets may be picked up at the school and returned on registration day for children who will be five years of age as of Sept. 30,

Pre-kindergarten registration packets may be picked up after 9 a.m. on May 6 for children who will be four years of age as of Sept. 1, 2005.

When application forms are received, they will be checked for completeness and stamped with the date/time they were received. Parents who register their child for pre-kindergarten prior to June 16 will be notified prior to June 30 of their child's acceptance or non-acceptance into the program.

Parents are requested to bring their child's birth certificate or verification of birth, Social Security card and all immunization records.

The school also requires proof of residency, which can be in the form of a property tax bill, rental lease, or utility bill (dated within the last two months prior to registration), which contains the parents' name and address. Parents must also bring a copy of their 2004 Federal Income Tax Return.

### **SATURDAY** COMEDY SHOW/ADULT PUP-

Aberdeen, 44 North Parke Street, will hold at 8 p.m.

cost \$10 per person. There will be a cash bar, chips and pretzels.

call 443-243-1514.

## Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75 **Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard** To verify listing, call 410-272-9008.

### **ROBOTS**

Friday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Animated

A young robot wiz named Rodney (Ewan McGregor) builds robots that he hopes will make the world a better place. After journeying to the big city, he falls for a female executive robot (Halle Berry), collaborates with an aging innovator (Mel Brooks), and battles a sinister CEO. (Rated PG)

### **AAFES PRE-SCREENING**

### **HOUSE OF WAX (FREE** ADMISSION)

Saturday, April 30, 7 p.m.

Starring: Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray, Paris Hilton

House of Wax is a remake based on the 1953 horror classic. A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have expanded

upon the area's main attraction - the House of Wax, and created an entire town filled with the wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors. Now the group must find a way out before they too become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax. (Rated R)

### **HOSTAGE**

Saturday, April 30, 9 p.m.

Starring: Bruce Willis, Kevin Pollak, Jimmy Bennett

Jeff Talley, a former LAPD hostage negotiator, has moved himself away from his failed career outside of Los Angeles, and away from his wife and daughter. When a convenience store robbery goes wrong in his turf, the three perpetrators move in on an unsuspecting family. But the family's father has a secret which might compromise his kin, and one of the criminals is about to jump over the edge. Jeff Talley has to get everybody to survive the night.....if he can. (Rated R)

## **PET SHOW** American Legion Post 128

Comedy/Adult Puppet Show Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets

For reservations and tickets,

## Bike-to-Work Day 2005

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The third annual Bike-to-Work Day, May 6, kicks off Clean Commute Month, a regional effort to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion by encouraging biking, carpooling, telecommuting, riding mass transit, or taking an approved day off during

The event takes place in the parking lot at the Harford County Administrative Offices, 220 South Main Street, Bel Air.

Aberdeen Proving Ground, the largest Harford County employer, encourages civilian and military employees to participate in the event sponsored by the Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning and supported by the Harford County Rideshare Program and the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board. Similar events will take place in Baltimore City, Towson, and Annapolis.

"During May, the beginning of the ozone season, groundlevel ozone begins to get worse because increased and more intense sunlight speeds the conversion of nitrogen oxide and volatile organic compounds (vehicle emissions that cause smog) to ozone," said Bob Solyan, pollution prevention program manager.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that pol-

lution-forming vehicle emissions could be cut by as much as 5 percent if just 2.5 percent of car trips were made by bike instead.

Commuting by bicycle produces zero pollution.

Cyclists are invited to stop by the parking lot for light refreshments and a chance to chat with other commuter cyclists before their commutes between 7 and 9. Cyclists can sign up for prize drawings and learn about Harford County's Bike Buddy Club.

Entertainment for the Bel Air event will be provided by Twofold, a band composed of Harford County government workers.

Members of the Bel Air Volunteer Fire Department will also be there to give blood pressure screenings to participants.

Every registered participant will receive a free Bike-to-Work Celebration T-shirt. For information, visit more http://harfordcountymd.gov/co mmuter and http://cleancommute.com.

Riders on Aberdeen Proving Ground are reminded to wear appropriate reflective gear, with helmet and eye protection.

Normal gate procedures will be in effect requiring ID at the gates. A family member can be sponsored by government ID holder.

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chemical cylinders at APG. Although the cylinders contain industrial chemicals, and are not considered chemical warfare materiel, the EDS is capable of destroying the items safely.

Since 1999, the EDS has been used to safely destroy items at Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., Spring Valley in Washington, D.C., Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and most recently at Dover Air Force Base, to destroy an old chemical munition found in southern Delaware.

The cylinders will be placed in the EDS's sealed, stainless steel containment vessel that completely contains the blast, in effect.

fragments and chemical fill. Any residue after neutralization is vented through a carbon filtration system, ensuring that there is no release into the environment.

The first phase of the disoperation, which involves cylinders stored in the Berger complex, may end this week. During that time access to the Berger complex will be restricted each morning until about 8 a.m. The Berger complex will be open and in operation; however areas both in front and in back of the complex will be inaccessible through at least Friday, April

The disposal of similar cylinders in building E-5100 is planned for the week of May 2. Similar restrictions will be

## **APG** introduces new technology for tick control

As part of a three-year project to reduce the deer tick population on Aberdeen Proving Ground, the Directorate of Installation Operations, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Environmental Center and the U.S. Army Center for Promotion Health and Preventive Medicine, will be placing Four-poster Deer Feeding Stations at select locations throughout the proving ground.

bacteria Borrerlia burgdoferi, which is the cause of Lyme disease in humans.

"Lyme disease is a serious in its early stages, is characterized by a circular rash, or 'bull's eye' around the site of the bite," said Abdul Sheikh, DIO entomolgist. "In its later stage Lyme disease can affect the nervous system, heart and other organs.

"Not everyone who develops Lyme disease remembers getting bitten by a deer tick. This is due to the fact that the deer tick is very small, even smaller than the head of a pin, and its bite can go unnoticed. This makes the prevention of and therefore the meat of the

Lyme disease very important," Sheikh said.

In order to reproduce, the deer tick must feed upon a

"In its adult stage the deer tick's favorite host is the white-tailed deer, of which APG has a large population," Sheikh said.

The objective of the Fourposter Feeding Station is to apply a small amount of insecticide to the white-tailed deer in order to prevent the deer The deer tick is host to the tick from feeding. If the deer tick cannot feed it will not be able to lay eggs, thus breaking its life cycle.

Deer are drawn to the feedand painful condition, which er through the use of bait, which in most cases is corn. As the deer feed from the station, a small amount of insecticide is applied to the head and neck area, where the deer tick is most likely to feed.

> The insecticide that will be used at these feeding stations is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and is similar to the insecticides which are used by farmers and applied to cattle and hogs.

> "The insecticide does not penetrate the skin of the deer

deer is safe for consumption," Sheikh said. "However, caution should be used by hunters when handling a white-tailed deer as the insecticide is an eye irritant."

The feeding stations will be monitored on a weekly basis to check for corn consumption.

"This will help determine the number of deer that are feeding from the station and being treated with insecticide," Sheikh said.

The feeding stations will be active Sept. 1 through Dec. 1 and April 15 through Aug. 31.

"These periods of activity coincide with the periods of highest activity during the tick's life cycle," Sheikh said.

"If you notice a Four-poster Feeding Station in your area, please do not tamper with it," Sheikh said. "Tampering with these devices may drive the deer away and therefore decrease effectiveness.

"If successful, this project should dramatically reduce the population of deer ticks present on APG, making the risk of contracting Lyme Disease less, and thus making the area a safer place to live and work," Sheikh said.



Photo by ABDUL SHEIKH

Stanley Futch, left, Directorate of Intallation Operations pest controller, pours corn into the feeding area of one of four, Four-poster Deer Feeding Stations on Aberdeen Proving Ground. David Testerman, center, DIO pest controller, finishes filling the container with 200 pounds of corn while Kathleen Cruise, DIO contractor with L. B. & B, checks the rollers. Cruise will be responsible for monitoring the feeding stations.

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injured or killed service members fighting the War on Terror.

He concluded his visit in a meeting with Brig. Gen. Vincent Boles, chief of Ordnance and commander of OC&S. Sparks extended his gratitude for Boles' leadership of Soldiers trained in ordnance, and said the level of guidance Soldiers receive here impressed him.

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## Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## APG band to mentor student musicians

Story and photos by Carolyn Dawson APG News

Good process thinking has led to a unique partnership between the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) and students at Halls's Cross Roads Elementary School that is expected to bring some dramatic results.

The partnership agreement signed April 20 gives members of the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) the opportunity to mentor student musicians at the school.

"The idea for this partnership belongs to Carol Hepler, principal of Halls Cross Roads Elementary School," said Ivan Mehosky, APG school liaison officer. "We had been working on this action for over a year when she mentioned her wonderful band program and that maybe we could meet with the 389th Army Band [AMC's Own] at APG."

Several meetings later the idea materialized into a partner-

"We are delighted about the partnership," said Assistant Principal Peter S. Carpenter II. "We were looking to help augment our music program, and the extra mentoring the APG Band provides will yield some exponential results."

The decision to partner with the school band was simple, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Larsen, who described the partnership as a "win-win" situation.

"Children are our future," Larsen said. "We are looking to make some positive influences on the students as roll models, and have some fun in the process."

"Young musicians need mentoring," said Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Hunter. "We are happy to [be] a positive role model for the students, especially because music really pulls people together. And who knows? Maybe some of them will wind up being Army Band members in the future."

Some benefits of being in the Army Band, said Larsen,

include "chances to see the world, compete in competitions, perform in musicals, participate in the all-state band and several scholarship opportunities."

Harford County Public Schools Superintendent Jacqueline Haas has some high hopes for the partnering, so much that at the partnership signing she announced that money will be allocated to form a program to get more instruments for the students.

"We want to test: Does music really do what we think it can do? I want to take students who are failing and watch the progress they can make, academically, cognitive and with social skills," Haas said. "Think of all the doors this could open up, with scholarships and career opportunities."

"When I started at the school nine years ago, there were only five kids in the band," said school band director Mark Warfield. "Today, I'm receiving donations from former students, and we have lots of support from the community. This mentoring program is a dream come true."

"Along with this newest partnership, we have six other outstanding partnerships with Harford County Public Schools: Edgewood Elementary and the U.S. Army Environmental Center; Roye-Williams Elementary, Aberdeen Middle, Aberdeen High, Edgewood Middle and Edgewood High and the Ordnance Center and Schools.

"I believe that these endeavors will be of great benefit to the school system, the community, and APG, but most especially to our students in all grades and throughout their school years," Mehosky said.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform with the school band 7 p.m., May 18, at the school.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) also has a performance scheduled at 2 p.m., May 21, at Cecil Community College in North East.



389th Army Band (AMC's Own) operations supervisor Sgt. 1st Class Marvin Hunter and Commander Bob Larsen sign a partnership agreement aimed at mentoring student musicians at Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School April 20.

### School Liaison/Youth Education

### **Driver Education Classes sched**uled

Youth Services will present state certified Driver's Education classes 30 hours of instruction each and will begin on a Wednesday and end on Tuesday of the second week. There will be no classes on holidays. Parents and students must attend the first hour of class together (April 30, May 11 and 25, etc.) to review rules and proce-

### Building 2752, Rodman Road, 5:30 to 8:45 p.m.

May 11 through 24 June 8 through 21 July 13 through 26 Aug. 10 through 23 Sept. 14 through 27 Oct. 12 through 25

### Nov. 9 through 22 Conference Center, building E-4811, 6 to 9:15 p.m.

May 25 through June 7 June 27 through July 12 (closed July 1 July 27 through Aug. 9

Aug. 24 through Sept. 8 Sept. 28 through Oct. 11 Oct. 26 through Nov. 8

Nov. 28 through Dec. 9 Saturday classes, Conference

### Center, building E-4811, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

April 30 through May 28 June 4 through July 9 July 16 through Aug. 13 Aug. 20 through Sept. 24 Oct. 1 through 29 Nov. 5 through Dec. 3

Students should bring their lunch to classes on Saturdays April 30 through May

The cost is \$295 plus \$18 registration/membership fee for teens or family members 15 years of age or older, of military, retired, DoD (and DA) personnel and contractors who work at APG per student. Adults may also register on a case-by-case

Registration will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Outreach Services-Central Registration Office, room 110, building 2752. A minimum class size of three students is required, 21 students maximum.

To make an appointment to register and pay the fee, call Christina Keithley at 410-278-7571 or Pat Palazzi at 410-278-7479.

For more information about the Teen Driver Education program, call Greg Williams, Rules Driving School, Inc., at 410-939-7008 or 937-2184, or Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

### **Parent Institute offers free advice**

An interactive and free weekly syndicated column, Ask the Learning Advisor, answers concerns of parents that are crucial to children's successful learning—discipline, homework, instilling good moral values, parent involvement, responsibility, study skills ... plus many more.

All readers' questions submitted to the Learning Advisor receive a prompt, personal reply from education experts.

For complete information and to register, visit **0**. For more information, e-mail Laura Bono at laura@parent-institute.com or call 919-403-8887.

### **Activities**

### Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month.

If that is a training holiday, the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Thursday

prior. For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr\_registration@usag. apg.army.mil.

### Methods of registration

Register for any MWR event by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting MWR Registration, building 3326, or visiting online at www.apgmwr.com.

### Chesapeake **Challenge opens** May 7

Chesapeake Challenge will open for weekends beginning May 7. Hours of operation will be Saturday, 1 to 10 p.m. and Sunday and holidays, 1 to 8

Try out the go-karts, miniature golf course and batting cages. Parties, special event packages and group plans are available.

For more information contact Ken Singleton at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

### Women's Golf League

The women's golf league will run May 5 to Sept. 29, with tee times between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. This league is a weekly gathering at Ruggles Golf Course.

Groups will be set up for those not already in a foursome. It's a just for fun league, no competition. All skill levels welcome.

Cost is a \$10 registration fee and weekly greens fee. Register by May 5.

### **Bowling specials**

Cosmic Rent-A-Lane is 6 p.m. to closing, April 30. Rent a lane for \$12 per lane per

(May 5), purchase a Play-N-Save pass for 20 games of bowling for \$25, good Monday through Friday.

An Active Duty Special on May 1 offers \$9 per lane per hour for a group of four or more.

On Mother's Day, May 8, mom's get to bowl for \$0.75 a game and rent shoes for \$0.75.

### **American Heroes Bowling League** forming

### Bowlers receive ball, bag at completion of league

Sign up for a three-person American Heroes Bowling team which will meet 6:30 p.m. for 17 weeks every Friday beginning May 20. Cost is \$10 per week and includes two games and shoes.

Bowlers will be asked to choose an Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or eagle designed bowling ball weighing from 8 to 15 lbs. The ball will be given to each bowler at the completion of the league in an eagle designed bowling bag. Bowlers will be paying a total of \$170 over 17 weeks for a package valued at \$280.50.

To register, call Dave Brewner, 410-278-4041.

### **2005 Spring** Amusement and Travel Extravaganza

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division will hold its 2005 Spring Amusement and Travel Extravaganza, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 12 at the Recreation Center, building 3326. Representatives from amusement parks, local attractions and hotels will be available. Get a jumpstart on summer vacation all in one place. Giveaways and door prizes will be presented.

For more information, call MWR Registration, building 3326 at 410-278-4907/4011 or e-mail mwr\_registration @usag.apg.army.mil.

### **National Employee Health, Fitness Day**

"Be active for life" is the theme for this year's Employee Health and Fitness Day, May 18, at the Health and Fitness Center, building 320.

a.m. A mini health fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210, will hold a 5K run at 6 a.m. and a health fair from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, visit the Fitness Center, building 320 or call 410-278-9725 or visit the Hoyle Fitness Center, building E-4210 or call 410-436-7134.

### Racquetball **Tournament**

This round robin competition will be held 6 to 11 p.m., May 5 at the APG Athletic Center. There will be a male and female advanced, intermediate, beginner and novice categories. Trophies will be awarded to the top three competitors in each category based on a win-loss percentage. No one will be allowed to enter more than one division. Cost is \$10. Register by May 3.

### **APG Talent Search**

APG MWR is hosting a talent show 7:30 p.m., June 4, at the APG Post Theater. Admission is \$3 for active duty and \$5 for all others.

Tryouts will be held at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 3 p.m., May 7, and the Edgewood Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140, at 2 p.m., May 8. Register by April 29, at MWR Registration, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907/4011.

Prizes will be given to 1st place winners in all categories and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the overall talent search.

Talent categories are vocal soloist male/female, instrumental soloist, male/female, spoken word male/female, vocal group (max of 5 people), vocal instrumental (maximum of 10 people), dance and comedian.

### Harlem experience

Visit historical Harlem, York, June 11. Experience the history and renaissance of Harlem, beginning with lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant, the Queen of Soulfood, then travel back in time with a tour of the Apollo Theater and the Cotton Club. There will be plenty of time to shop.

The bus will depart 7:30 There will be a 2-mile fun run a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Cost To celebrate Cinco de Mayo and a 3-mile fun walk at 11:30 is \$80. Register by April 29.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Here is a list of some audio book CDs that are available in the APG Library:

Ranch by Danielle Steel

**Burned** by Carol Higgins Clark

Cold Service by Robert B. Parker

The Last Kingdom by Bernard Cornwell

Whiteout by Ken Follett

**Conviction** by Richard North Patterson

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/ recreation/libraries.html provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## Lunch options on APG

**Center Snack** Bar Building 3326

Serves lunch Monday thru Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-2621.

### **Ruggles Golf Course** Sutherland Golf Clubhouse

Building 5600

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday thru Sunday, 7 a.m. to dusk.

For more information, call 410-278-7263.

**AA Recreation** 

**Top of the Bay** Building 30

Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to place an order,

call 410-278-3062.

### **APG Bowling Center Snack Bar**

Building 2342

Specials for May 2 through 8 Chicken Cheese Steak Sub served with chips and 16 oz. soda, \$7 OR

Mushroom and mozzarella burger served with fries and 16 oz. soda, \$4.95 Includes one free game of bowling

Telephone orders will be accepted until 10:30 a.m. Callers should state condiment preferences.

## Concert tickets on sale

Army MWR and Aberdeen Proving Ground present The 2005 Miller Lite Army Concert featuring Terri Clark, Chely Wright, Julie Roberts, and Miranda Lambert Aug. 20 on Shine Sports Field. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m.

A \$10 early bird ticket special for APG government ID cards holders only will be held through April 29. These tickets are only avail-

278-4907/4011. Purchasers must present ID at time of purchase.

\$10 tickets will go on sale to the public April 30, first come, first served. There are only a limited number of tickets available at this special price. Tickets can be purchased at www.apgmwr.com, MWR Registration, Hoyle Fitness Center and Ticketmaster.

information, visit more

www.apgmwr.com.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. able at MWR Registration, building 3326, 410-

## **Edgewood Armory dedicated to former APG commander**

**Rick Roth** MDNG

The Maryland Army National Guard armory located in the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground was dedicated to Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges in a ceremony March 25.

"It is an honor for me to be here today as we celebrate the life of a truly great Soldier through the dedication of this armory," said Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Blum was at the dedication ceremony and spent time talking with Hodges friends and family members.

"General Hodges was the quality of leader that was and will continue to be a source of inspiration to us all," Blum

"The Maryland National Guard was fortunate to have General Hodges serve as our adjutant general and leader," said Maj. Gen. Bruce. F. Tuxill, adjutant general of Maryland.

Tuxill spoke during the ceremony that was attended by over 120 family members, friends and military members.

"His legacy as an example Soldier lives on within our organization," Tuxill said.

### Hodges' career through the ranks

A career Soldier, Hodges rose quickly through the ranks

tenant colonel by the age of 28. Commissioned infantry Hodges went on to serve in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

In his formative years Hodges was an avid athlete. At 16 he was offered a contract to play baseball with the New York Yankees, which he turned down to play football at the University of Kansas which he attended from 1940 to 1943. While at the University of Kansas, Hodges enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

In 1943 Hodges was called to active duty and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School.

While Hodges spent time overseas during wartime he also served outside the United States during peacetime. From 1946 to 1948 he served as the commander of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's honor guard. He served as chief of the infantry team, Army section, Joint Military Aid and Assistance Group in Greece in the late 1950s and served in Pakistan with the Joint Military Assistance Group from 1964 to 1968.

Following his service in Vietnam, Hodges returned to the United States, and in 1969 was made chief of staff, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, APG. In 1971, he and faces in the military com-

achieving the rank of lieu- was selected to be the first commander of the combined APG/Edgewood Arsenal where he remained until his retirement in 1972.

> In 1980 Governor Howard Hughes selected Hodges to be the adjutant general for the state of Maryland.

He retired from state service in 1987.

On Oct. 15, 2004 Hodges passed away.

Hodges awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge with two stars.

Hodges was inducted into the U.S. Army Infantry Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Ga., and the College Football Hall of Fame.

Of all his accomplishments Hodges was most proud of his two children, six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, according to his friends.

One grandson in attendance, Capt. David Strange, an Armor Captains Course instructor assigned to O Troop, 3rd Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Knox, Ky., expressed appreciation on behalf of the family.

"There are so many names



Photo by SGT. WILLIAM FEARRINGTON

Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, the adjutant general of Maryland; Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau; and the widow of Maj. Gen. Warren D. Hodges, Kathleen, pose with a portrait of Hodges after the dedication of the Edgewood Armory in his name.

special permanent place in his that he affected us in the same the Edgewood Armory in his heart," Strange said. "It is way and that you have chosen honor.'

munity that touched him in a comforting and amazing to see to show it in the dedication of

# Preventing substance abuse on APG

### Alcohol Awareness Month ends, but not the education

April's Alcohol Awareness campaign is coming to an end, but not the Aberdeen Proving Ground Army Substance Abuse Program's mission of substance abuse prevention.

Throughout the month, a number of events provided opportunities for spreading the prevention message across APG increasing alcohol use awareness.

"The APG Alcohol Awareness Month Campaign reached more than 1,073 individuals," said Jareta Coyle, APG Alcohol & Drug control officer.

"If you didn't see the APG News each week in April, the ASAP office published articles providing information about teen drinking, alcohol and medicines interactions, aging and alcohol, over the counter medicine misuse, binge drinking and alcohol facts," Covle said.

The ASAP Prevention Coordinator Cynthia Scott organized the second APG National Alcohol Screening Day on April 7. The entire ASAP staff plus volunteers from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic turned out to man the information booths in the lobbies of the Aberdeen PX and Edgewood Mini Mall. More than 200 individuals stopped for information, and 173 participated in the survey, according to Scott.

"The majority of respondents scored under 8 points, which put them in the low risk category," Scott said. "However, referrals were made for a number of young males with high scores due to their binge drinking.

"Participation increased 45 percent since last year and has proven to be an effective tool for individuals to use when making a decision regarding alcohol use," she said.

Other community events ASAP participated in included the opening of the McGruff and Community Policing House in Patriot Village, which provided an opportunity to reach 100 community residents. As a result of this event, Officer Michael Farlow, APG's Community Policing Officer, and Scott have joined forces in a number of programs targeting substance abuse and youth safety issues, which will appear in future issues of APG News.

The "Spring Fling" held April 16 provided another opportunity for ASAP to educate 600 member of the community about Substance Abuse. (See article on pages 6 and 7.)

"Children and adults were amazed at how similar many candies and medicines looked alike in the "Medicine Cabinet" display," Scott said of her display. "The "Drug of Abuse" briefcase display provided an excellent opportunity for everyone to see different drugs and the paraphernalia used, and when drugs are being abused."

A few adults questioned the wisdom of showing youths such

"If we do not empower our children with the knowledge of what illegal drugs look like or that many medicines look like candy, how will they know what to avoid," Scott said. "Arming them with such knowledge provides them a weapon to resist substance abuse, and reinforces their confidence to make informed choices. Understanding why they should not take medicine or candy from anyone other than their trusted adults, and what they should do if they see drugs or drug paraphernalia, provides them the tools needed to build a safer environment to grow up in."

Throughout the year APG News will publish educational information about upcoming awareness campaigns using the newly designed banner for the ASAP office, "Preventing substance abuse on APG."

"Substance Abuse awareness and prevention programs must continue to educate the community at every opportunity available," Scott added. "ASAP will continue providing APG with up to date substance abuse information and participate in opportunities to educate the community regarding substance abuse such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Summer Alcohol issues, National Red Ribbon Drug Free Youth Campaign and Drunk and Drugged Driving Campaign.

For more information contact Scott at 410-278-3784, Cynthia.Scott1@usag.apg.army.mil; stop by the ASAP office in building A-2477 and speak with the ASAP staff; visit the new ASAP Web site, www.apg-intra.apg.army.mil/apg/asap/ or click on the blue ASAP box on the right side of the APG Web Page, www.apg.army.mil.

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**NCOs** 

showing up," Irby said. "He's been in the Army less than two years and most of that was spent in basic training and [Advanced Individual Training]."

He added that it was a close decision between Villalobos and Thomas.

"Both are outstanding NCOs who would represent

The selection process included a physical training test and weapons qualification evaluation. In addition, the candidates' sponsors appeared before the board with them.

A laboratory technician, Villalobos has been assigned to APG for two years. He is also NCO of the Quarter and the Year for CHPPM. He said the process tested him professionally, and he thanked his unit and his wife for their sup-

Villalobos said. "You had to really know the material. I mostly want to thank my first line supervisor and NCOIC who gave me time to study and prepare."

"It was intense but I felt confident and felt I did my best," Robledo added. "I want to thank my whole battalion, and now concentrate on competing at the next level."

A chemical specialist, Robledo has been assigned to APG for 17 months and is his battalion's Soldier of the Year.

> Master Sgt. K e i t h Burroughs served as the sponsor for Villalobos and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Iman sponsored Robledo.

Thomas was sponsored by Sgt. 1st Class Ricky Tate.

Irby said the size of the board reflected the large of amount

"professional NCOs on APG." "These NCOs will represent the installation so we

wanted input from everyone," Irby said, noting that board members included senior NCOs from the Air Force and Marine detachments.

"I think it went well. We had great participation from all areas," Irby said.

The board members included Command Sgt. Major Rodriguez, 22d Pedro Chemical Battalion; Master Sgt. Michael Ryan, Marine Corps Detachment; and 1st Sgts. Jerry Beatty, CHPPM; Victor De La Rosa, U.S. Air Force Detachment; Jlee Gross, 143rd Ordnance Battalion; Carlos Walker, NCO Academy; and Neil Washington, 16th Ordnance Battalion. Tanisha Owens, Headquarters Support Troop military personnel specialist, served as the board recorder.

Along with the service members of the year from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, the winners will be honored at the annual Military Appreciation Luncheon at Top of the Bay May 19.

## Suicide intervention training offered

Jareta Coyle, APG Drug Control Officer and Chaplain (Capt.) Mike Curtis, Installation Chaplain's office, will sponsor a two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, or ASIST, workshop for be at risk. employees of Aberdeen and 11.

"Our goal is to have at least one person from each directorate and tenant organization attend," Coyle said.

The workshop will provide participants with the necessary attitudes, knowledge and skills to recognize persons at risk and to undertake appropriate management or referral of a person who is at risk of suicide.

ASIST is a key component of the Army's Suicide Prevention Program and is recommended for all supervisors, people who are concerned about family and friends, natural helpers and community volunteers.

Suicide and non-fatal suicidal behaviors, ranging from gestures to suicide attempts, are far more common than most people think, according to Curtis.

"Almost everyone will come into contact with suicidal behaviors in some significant way during their life," Curtis said. "Many people have been trained to administer first aid to people having a heart attack,

but very few know "emergency first aid" for preventing suicide."

The workshop will deal directly with attitudes about suicide prevention. Participants will learn how to recognize persons who might

"The major indicators of Proving Ground May 10 the possibility of suicide are sudden changes in behavior or personality; feelings of desperation, helplessness, hopelessness, aloneness, loss and depression; a previous suicide attempt; and, most importantly, suicide statements expressing a desire or intention to die," Curtis said.

> He emphasized that one of the most important first aid skills to have is communication-- ask directly about the suicide intentions of someone they are worried about.

Skill development exercises and community networking activities will take up the entire second day of the workshop.

All directorates are encouraged to consider suicide intervention training for their employees.

Anyone who is struggling with thoughts of suicide is encouraged to contact their chaplain, a mental health professional, or the APG Employee Assistance

Provider, 410-278-5319. For more information or to register for training, call ASAP at 410-278-3810.



Photo by JONI PLATT

PFC Victor A. Robledo, Company A, 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort), explains the capability of his organization's specialized equipment to Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, deputy commanding general/chief of staff of U.S. Army Forces Command during a visit to U.S. Army 20th Support Command (CBRNE) April 22.

the garrison well," Irby said.

"It was very challenging,"



Soldier and NCO of the Year candidates and their sponsors, left, stand at ease before the NCO and Soldier of the Year selection board just before the names of the 2005 winners are announced in the APG Garrison conference room April 21. Board members from the left are USMC Master Sgt. Michael Ryan; 1st Sgt. Jlee Gross; 1st Sgt. Carlos Walker; Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Rodriguez; Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby; USAF 1st Sgt. Victor De La Rosa; 1st Sgt. Jerry Beatty; and 1st Sgt. Neil Washington (not shown).

## **APG Child Care Center celebrates Earth Day**

Story and photo by Carolyn H. Dawson APG News

Earth Day was recognized in a special way by children in the Aberdeen Child Care Center who had the opportunity to personally experience new plant life April 22.

To help the students in her Pre-K/Kindergarten class understand how plants grow and benefit the world in an environment that was both informative and fun, teachers Florence "Flo" Vaughan and Mary Jackson employed the use of 'babies.' Not human babies, but rather young spider plant 'babies,' which were the offshoots of a large spider plant growing in the class.

"After learning about enjoyed breaking spring and talking about new plant life, we decided to raise our spider plant 'babies' feeding them, giving them daily care -- just like parents," Vaughan said.

Calling the young spider plants their "babies" and indi-

children to take responsibility for their "baby."

Diego Robinson named his Dingo; Noah Ruark selected Ango, while Joshua Ostrowski opted for Webster and James Webb's baby is Nia. Ray

Johnson's baby is Nicholas; Brandon Adams is a proud parent to Franklin, while JaQuane Hayes named his Xavier. Rachel Wilson's is Nabel and Dusharne Sparks' bears the name Rusty.

Wilson, who particularly off the young offshoots to form the baby plants, harvested the "babies." The young plants were then placed in water to root

for their plants allowed the bowl, and the children were able to watch the "babies" slowly grow their roots.

orful face for their 'baby.'

'baby's' face," Hayes said.

was a lot of fun."

"I love the way I made my

So did Sparks, who added

In addition to planting their

'babies' on Earth Day, the chil-

dren of the class planted grass

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that "playing with my 'baby'

On Earth Day, the students transplanted the little plants into Styrofoam cups, individually decorated and personalized by each child with a col-



Diego Robinson plants his spiderplant 'baby' vidually picking out a name in a large glass named Dingo in celebration of Earth Day April 22.

## **Business is pleasure on Earth Day for Environmental Center**

Jeeanne Skillman

The U.S. Army Environmental Center celebrated Army Earth Day early on Aberdeen Proving Ground by planting flowers and trees and cleaning up the surrounding area of its buildings in Edgewood April 20.

Staff from the center's five buildings competed to spruce up their common areas and the Bayscapes demonstration garden.

Maintained by center volunteers, the Bayscapes garden uses native vegetation to provide wildlife habitat, filter pollution and improve water qual-

"The cleanup turned out to be a team building morale booster, as many people donated plants and flowers and used their own tools to beautify the World War I-era buildings," said event coordinator John Barzack, of AEC's Natural Resources Division.

The afternoon event ended with a barbecue fund raiser for the center's annual picnic. The AEC is the Army's point organization for implementing environmental programs that enhance Army training and operations while protecting the

"Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our mission and take a moment to enjoy what we work so hard to protect," said Col. Tony Francis, AEC commander, who initiated the competition. "We can help our local environment and give a little back to the installation as well."



U.S. Army Environmental Center volunteers, from left, Patti York, Sharon Schmitt, Carolyn McIlwain, Sue Morgi, and Kim Guyer, plant flowers along the entrance to the AEC command building in commemoration of Earth Day

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## **Public notice**

### **APG Police seeks CALEA accreditation**

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Police is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., or CALEA, will arrive April 30 to examine all aspects of the APG Police-procedures and policies, management, operations and support services.

"Verification by the team that the APG Police meets the Commission's state of the art standards is part of the voluntary process to gain accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence," said Robert Krauer, director, Law Enforcement and Security.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the APG community are invited to offer comments to the assessment team at a public information ses-

sion 7 p.m., May 3 in the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security conference room, located in building 3752, Aberdeen Boulevard (Police Academy).

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone, 410-306-0550, between 2 and 5 p.m., May 2.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA standards. A copy of the standards is available at APG Police Headquarters, 2200 Aberdeen Boulevard.

Persons wishing to submit written comments, should send them to the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, VA 22030-2201.

For more information, call Capt. Erick C. Stone, 410-278-6533.

### *Letter to the Editor:*

I would like to extend a warm thank you to the officers from the APG Police Force, who came to the center to read to the children, during Month of the Military Child. We are very fortunate to have this type of support from such elite members of our military community.

These officers provided the children the opportunity to relate with them at a personal level instead of just the "uniform at the gate." What a wonderful beginning for the Community Police Unit.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to each of the officers who visited the center to include Officers Michael Farlow, Scott Rhoades, Michael Mitchell, David Kauffman, Jeremy Rondone, Michael Banks and Thomas Young. While some were a "little more animated" than others, they were all very warm and gracious with the children and the highlight of "Read to Me Week."

Thanks again for your support of the Child Development Center children.

Darlene Ford

Assistant Center Director

Aberdeen Child Development Center

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seed in a second decorated cup, which will grow to look like hair.

Vaughan is calling them 'Grass People.'

The children learned quite a

bit about the importance of plants and the environment.

"If there isn't any sun or water, all the plants and flowers will die," Robinson said.

"Plants need the sun a lot." shared Roark.

"And soil, too!" added Webb.

After the 'babies' have to take care of them."

grown for about one month, each one will be repotted into decorated clay pots so the children can take the 'babies' home for Mother's Day.

Adams is excited to be taking Franklin home soon.

"Our 'babies' are good," agreed Johnson, "but you have